



## **Patents and Clean Energy: Bridging the Gap between Evidence and Policy** **A first glance at the methodology and findings**

**Geneva Trade & Development Symposium**  
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**16h15-18h15**  
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**7 Avenue de la Paix 1201**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) are pleased to invite you to a presentation of their joint study on patents and clean energy technologies at the Geneva Trade & Development Symposium.

### Background

The role of patents in the development and transfer of clean energy technologies to address climate change has been hotly debated in the lead up to the 15<sup>th</sup> UNFCCC Conference of Parties meeting in Copenhagen (COP-15). Although there has been increased research and analysis in this field, there still remains a lack of empirical data for informed and objective decision-making.

In this context, the three organisations have undertaken a study which analyses and collates data about patents in relation to the development and transfer of clean energy technologies. The consolidated report will be released in spring 2010.

The key objectives of the study are to:

- develop a methodology that provides a solid platform for analysing the role of patents in the development and transfer of clean energy technologies;
- undertake a survey of licensing practices in relation to clean energy technologies from industrialised to developing countries;
- feed into ongoing international discussions and initiatives on transfer of clean energy technologies, particularly the upcoming meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen.

The study consists of three major steps: A mapping of key clean energy technologies validated by IPCC experts; A "patent landscaping" analysis which identified key patenting trends and a global survey of the licensing practices of some 160 companies, academic institutions and other organisations active in the field of clean energy.

A policy analysis of the outcomes of the study is currently being undertaken with the aim of formulating data-driven policy proposals and recommendations.

We hope you can join us for a discussion of this exciting initiative.

## **Draft Programme**

- 16.15-16.30** **Introduction and presentation of the project**  
Representatives of UNEP, EPO and ICTSD
- 16.30-17.15** **The Project and Some Preliminary Findings**  
Moderator: EPO  
The technology mapping (ICTSD)  
Methodology and some preliminary findings of patent mapping and analysis (EPO)  
Methodology and some preliminary findings of licensing survey (EPO)
- 17.15-17.45:** **Commentators**  
Moderator: UNEP
- 17.45-18.00** **Open Discussion**  
Moderator: ICTSD
- 18.00-18.15** **Concluding Remarks**

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